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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO REVIEW AND ANALYZE ALL  
ORAL HEALTH INITIATIVES CURRENTLY UNDERWAY IN THE STATE,  
INCLUDING THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL PROGRAM, AND  
PREPARE A PROGRESS REPORT ON EACH INITIATIVE.

1 WHEREAS, the State needs to improve oral health care, which  
2 can result in improved health care and reduced health care costs  
3 to the State; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the State lacks a comprehensive oral health care  
6 program; and  
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8 WHEREAS, elements of a comprehensive program include  
9 research, investigation, demonstration, public education,  
10 training, statistical assessment, analysis of social  
11 determinants, consensus building, peer review, gap analysis, and  
12 strategic planning; and  
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14 WHEREAS, the State has begun to leverage a Centers for  
15 Disease Control (CDC) oral health disease prevention program  
16 that has provided limited results, including data surveillance,  
17 updated data gap assessment, a third grade oral health survey on  
18 the use of sealants, establishment of an oral health care  
19 advisory group, initial collaboration on other CDC dental  
20 initiatives with community stakeholders, and continued  
21 recruitment of a state dental director funded by the CDC grant;  
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24 WHEREAS, while the CDC grant does provide useful assistance  
25 to the State's oral health assessment and profile, its limited  
26 focus does not provide sufficient funding to adequately assess  
27 oral health; and  
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29 WHEREAS, the CDC grant does not provide sufficient public  
30 or private sector matching funds for the comprehensive approach  
31 to oral health that the State urgently needs if it is to



1 adequately address the needs of its citizens, including all  
2 children, vulnerable populations, and the traditionally  
3 underserved; now, therefore,  
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
6 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
7 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
8 Health is requested to review and analyze all oral health  
9 initiatives currently underway in the State, including the CDC  
10 program, and prepare a progress report on each initiative; and  
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is  
13 requested to report on the progress the Department has made in  
14 the development of a comprehensive state oral health assessment;  
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the oral health assessment  
18 include the following activities:  
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- 20 (1) Conduct research, investigations, experiments,  
21 demonstrations, and studies relating to the incidence,  
22 causes, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of dental  
23 diseases;  
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- 25 (2) Supervise, provide, and direct clinical dental health  
26 services for adults and children in the State;  
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- 28 (3) Develop and conduct a program of dental health  
29 education of the public;  
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- 31 (4) Provide information and education relating to dental  
32 health to public health nurses, teachers, social  
33 workers, and others who deal in a professional  
34 capacity with the public through publications,  
35 seminars, institutes, and other appropriate means;  
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- 37 (5) Provide training for professional personnel to staff  
38 state and local dental health programs;  
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- 40 (6) Develop a comprehensive assessment of the State's  
41 dental health status, including the capacity of  
42 existing public and private infrastructure and health



1 care workforce; high performance computing and  
2 statistical and geospatial analysis in order to assess  
3 gaps between access to dental health care needs and  
4 existing resources; identification and analysis of  
5 social determinants of dental health status of  
6 vulnerable populations; assurance that the community  
7 representative sample will accurately determine dental  
8 health status of vulnerable populations; access to  
9 health care data, including dental care workforce  
10 type, language, ethnicity, geographical distribution,  
11 and participation in public programs; and assessment  
12 of potential economic impact;

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14 (7) Develop and disseminate an assessment of its findings  
15 at a large public convening with participation of  
16 national experts to showcase existing innovative cost-  
17 saving models being adopted in other parts of the  
18 country; and

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20 (8) Develop a comprehensive consensus building process  
21 with diverse stakeholders to formulate public policy  
22 recommendations that ensure an inter-professional  
23 approach and a broad representation and participation  
24 of consumers, health care professionals, and dental  
25 health community; and  
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is  
28 requested to provide a comprehensive accounting of all the  
29 public and private sector matching funds the State has received  
30 in the oral health area as a result of the CDC grant or any  
31 other municipal state, federal, or private sector oral health  
32 program, grant, or other funding source; and  
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is  
35 requested to report its findings and recommendations, including  
36 the current status of the oral health assessment,  
37 recommendations for comprehensive oral health policy  
38 initiatives, and funding recommendations, to the Legislature no  
39 later than twenty days prior to the Regular Session of 2016; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health.  
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(BY REQUEST)

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